

In the 8th Article of the Treaty of Peace in 1783
it is provided. - "That the Navigation of the
"river Mississippi from its Source to the Ocean
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"for ever remain free and open to the Subjects of
"Great Britain and the Citizens of the United States."

And in the fourth article of the Treaty of Amity
Commerce and Navigation it is provided as follows - (128)

"Whereas it is uncertain whether the river Mississippi
"extends so far to the Northward as to be intersected by
"a line to be drawn due West from the Lake of the Woods
"in the manner mentioned in the Treaty of Peace
"between His Majesty and the United States, it is
"agreed that measures shall be taken in concert between
"His Majesty's Government in America & the Government
"of the United States for making a joint survey of the
"said River from one degree of latitude below the Falls (a)
"of St. Anthony, to the principal source or sources of the
"said river, and also of the parts adjacent thereto;
"and that if on the result of such survey it should
"appear that the said river would not be inter-
"sected by such a line as is above mentioned, the
"two parties will thereupon proceed by amicable
"negotiation to regulate the boundary line in
"that quarter, as well as all other points to be
"adjusted between the said Parties, according to
"justice and mutual convenience, and in con-
"formity to the intent of the said Treaty."

There can be no doubt, that by the source
of the Mississippi is intended its remotest
Head or Spring and there is no reason for

(a) The Falls of St. Anthony are not less than 1800 miles
from the mouth of the Mississippi.